

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 392

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate WRKM on its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, locally owned and operated radio stations have been important community cultural institutions since the early days of the radio industry, as the new medium brought local, national, and world events to listeners in a timely fashion and opened doors to music, sports, weather, and other features; and

WHEREAS, WRKM is one such vital station, which, for sixty years, has provided its listeners with outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, the origins of WRKM trace back to March 24, 1958, when Reggie Honey, the president of Carthage Broadcasting Company, Inc., submitted an AM frequency search to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the application by the Federal Communications Commission, construction of WRKM AM 1350 began on April 6, 1959, and was completed on June 10, 1959; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1987, Carthage Broadcasting Company, Inc., sold and transferred control of WRKM to Wood Broadcasting, Inc., headed by President John Wood; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2004, Dennis and Tracy Banka began operating WRKM under a Local Marketing Agreement as Banka Media, Inc., and on September 1, 2007, bought the license to operate Wood Broadcasting, Inc., WRKM, and sister station WUCZ 104.1 FM; and

WHEREAS, in the tradition and the original mission statements of Carthage Broadcasting, Inc., and Wood Broadcasting, Inc., Banka Media, Inc., continues to serve the local community with news, weather, local sports, and community announcements; and

WHEREAS, over the past six decades, WRKM has provided countless hours of reliable information, quality entertainment, and caring public service to thousands of listeners and has earned a hallowed place in the hearts of its fans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the owners and staff of WRKM as they celebrate sixty years of broadcasting and service to their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.